

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

4th Congressional District

Every year, the state of Washington receives about \$8.77 million in funding from the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG). Adams, Benton, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, and Yakima Counties receive about \$895,000 of this funding to improve the health and lives of pregnant and reproductive-age women, infants, children, and adolescents, including children and youth with special healthcare needs.

In 2014, MCHBG funds directly benefited more than 14,000 pregnant women, approximately 87,000 newborns, more than 7,700 children with special healthcare needs, and more than 46,000 other children, adolescents, and adults statewide.

The MCHBG supports work in the 4th Congressional District

Adams County

- Partner with WIC to educate parents about healthy eating and healthy weight in children.

Benton and Franklin Counties

- Collaborate with partners to present a film and panel discussion on childhood trauma and schools attended by more than 300 people.

Douglas County

Story from the field

A nurse and community health worker coordinated services for a Spanish-speaking mom of twins with health issues. The children are getting services, and the mom is getting much-needed support.

Okanogan County

- Coordinate during summer wildfires to ensure families in the evacuation area had shelter and were connected to childcare and donation centers.

Yakima County

Stories from the field

A nurse visited a new mom in drug and alcohol treatment to assess her baby's health, teach her parenting skills, and refer her to parenting support.

A care coordinator helped a young woman get a power wheelchair so she can attend high school and obtain her diploma in the spring.



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